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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE HAS ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSED SUBJECT, INTERFACE OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION HEAVY METALS. WHAT WE HAD IN MIND WAS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND IDEAS ON THE TOTAL INTERMEDIA ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS OF THE TRANSPORT, TRANSFORMATIONS AND FATE OF HEAVY METALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF SOLID WASTES ARE INCINERATED, HEAVY MATERIALS ARE INTRODUCED INTO THE AIR. THESE WILL ULTIMATELY BE DEPOSITED ON LAND OR IN WATER, WHERE THEY WILL BE INGESTED (THROUGH VEGETATION) INTO ANIMALS OR (IN THE WATER) INTO FISH, AND HENCE INTO MAN WHEN HE CONSUMES THE FISH OR ANIMAL PRODUCTS. HEAVY UNCLASSIFIED

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METALS ARE ALSO INTRODUCED INTO THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH

OTHER SORTS OF WASTE INCINERATION, SLUDGE DISPOSAL INTO STREAMS OR THE OCEAN, INDUSTRIAL DUMPING OR RUN-OFF OR THE LIKE. WE FELT JAPANESE HAD BEEN SUFFICIENTLY SEIZED WITH THESE PROBLEMS THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS THE TOPIC WITH THEM.

2. EVEN THOUGH JAPANESE WILL NOT HAVE EXPERTS IN THEIR DELEGATION, U. S. SIDE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BRIEF REVIEW OF STRATOSPHERIC OZONE SITUATION, TO INCLUDE EVALUATION OF GLOBAL REQUIREMENT FOR GROUND-BASED AND AIR-BORNE MEASURING, MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY AND TREND ASSESSMENT. WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IF JAPANESE COULD SAY SOMETHING ABOUT PRODUCTION IMPLICATIONS IN JAPAN OF REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF USE OF FLUOROCARBONS. SISCO

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